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In re Application of

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PROVIDING COOPERATIVE RESOURCE GROUPS FOR HIGH AVAILABILITY APPLICATIONS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 17, 2005. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.